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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 January 7, 2004

Sir:

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Responsive to the Official Action of October 16, 2003, we propose to amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

January 7, 2004

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United States Patent and Trademark Office

Dear Mr. BARRETT

Re: LISKA et al. - U.S. Patent Appln. 10/025,472 Filed December 26, 2001

Pursuant to our recent telephone conversation, we transmit hereafter the relevant papers.

Your prompt attention to this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
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